पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) जी, नहीं। (ख) से (ङ.) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

All India Estimates of Retail Sales of Drugs

4584. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3283 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is subscribing to ORG;

(b) if so, what was the all India estimates of retail sales of Isoxuprine, Fluclonolone Acetonide, Polymixin-B Sulphate, Glipizide, Phenformin HCl and Chloropropamide based on records maintained by the 650 chemists;

(c) what are the reasons for not providing the prices of leader brand of each drug before the announcement of DPCO, 1987, their present prices sand the percentage change in each case;

(d) what are the grounds on which his Ministry found it difficult to provide prices of seven formulations terming it as voluminous;

(e) whether his Ministry is monitoring the price increases ;

(f) if so, what are the reasons for which Parliament is not being informed about price increase which is of public importance; and

(g) what are the basis on which each of these drugs have been price decontrolled?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) The Ministry is subscribing to a number of publications including ORG.

(b) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(c) and (d) The referred drugs are in generic name and being marketed by a number of companies as single ingredient, in combinations, in different forms and packs.

(e) and (f) Monitoring of prices of decontrolled drugs is being done and Parliament is being provided with the information asked for specifically through replies to questions wherever the same is avilable.

(g) The referred bulk drugs have been price decontrolled, as recommended by Kelkar Committee.

Prices of Dexona Tablets and Dexamethasone Eye Drop

4585. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approved price of Dexona Tablets and Dexamethasone eye preparations of the same company and when were these prices approved;

(b) whether it is a fact that these preparations are beng sold without price approval;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which show cause notice has not been issued to the producer;

(d) what steps have been taken to fix the responsibility on the bureaucrats who have enabled the company to overcharge the prices; and

(e) by when the prices of these products would be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (e) Dexona tablets based on bulk drug Dexamethasone are produced by M/s. Cadila Labs. Ltd. A price of Rs. 73.96 (exclusive of excise duty) was notified under DPCO, 1979 for 100's pack of this formulation on 19-6-1982. The details of price fixed for Dexona Eye/Ear solution under DPCO, 1987 are given below :—

Name of the product	Pack size	Maximum Retail price (Rs.)	Date
Dexona Eye/Ear Solution	2.5ml vial	3.74	12-7-88

Recovery in Respect of Dipyridamol

4586. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 649 given in the Rajya Sabha on 1st August, 1988 and state:

(a) when the notice for recovery of Rs. 59.95 lakhs in respect of Dipyridamol was issued;

(b) whether this recovery has been cleared by the Law Ministry; if so, when was this clearance given; and

(c) what prevented his Ministry in writing to the Collector for the recovery of the amount as arrears of land revenue?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) Notice for recovery of Rs. 59.95 lakhs in respect of Dipyridamol was issued in May, 1986;

(b) The law Ministry was consulted in regard to the provisions contained in para 7(2) of DPCO, 1979 in March, 1986.

(c) The amount calculated for recovery has been disputed by the company.

Production of Hydrocortisone

4587. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the approved capacity and production of Hydrocortisone in the country during the last three years yearwise;

(b) what were the imports and CIF import prices of this drug during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what is the sales turnover of Hydrocortisone eye preparations and Dexamethasone and Hetamethasone eye preparations as per ORG purchased by his Ministry out of Government Fund; and